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Mr. John A. McCone

Dear Mr. McCone:

Your letters to Congressman Wayne L. Hays and Chairman Thomas E. Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, were most timely as they arrived just as Mr. Hays' subcommittee was starting executive sessions with the Department of State on the Foreign Service Act Amendments. Mr. Hays expressed great appreciation for your support and directed the staff to see that your letters were incorporated in the committee report.

We had seen Mr. Hays just before your letters arrived to discuss with him making the provision for administrative leave, for those employees injured in a hazardous situation, retroactive from the beginning of 1965 to assure that the considerable number of cases which occurred during the last six months would be covered. He was in complete agreement and proposed this amendment himself when the subcommittee met, so we are optimistic that it will go through.

We have been in close touch with Bill Crockett, and he also very much appreciates your support; I am sure the letter to Senator Fulbright will be helpful when action comes up in that committee.

Many thanks for your support as there are some very good provisions in the proposed bill. Best regards.

Sincerely,

s/ Lawrence R. Houston

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

cc: EA/DCI

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